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FOR AMBASSADOR HODGSON FROM STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK
OFFICE, USGAO; SECSTATE FOR DIRECTOR OPERATIONS ANALYSIS AND
GAO LIAISON (BF-GAO) FEM-76-37

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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF THE ART IN EMBASSIES PROGRAM

THE UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS MAKING A
SURVEY OF THE ART IN EMBASSIES PROGRAM. THE ART IN EMBASSIES
PROGRAM IS A PLANNED PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT INTERNATIONAL CUL-
TURAL COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH VISUAL ART FROM THROUGHOUT THE
UNITED STATES. NORMALLY, THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE INDICATE
THEIR PREFERENCE REGARDING THE ART TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE POST,
SOMETIMES EVEN REQUESTING SPECIFIC WORKS OF ART. THE COLLECTIONS
SENT TO THE POSTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE EXHIBITED IN SUCH A WAY
AS TO BE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. WITH THIS IN VIEW THEY ARE
PLACED IN REPRESENTATIONAL ROOMS OF THE EMBASSY OR THE AMBAS-
SADOR'S RESIDENCE.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT, BEING INITIATED IN NINE
COUNTRIES, ARE TO EVALUATE HOW WELL THE PROGRAM REFLECTS THE
CULTURE OF OUR COUNTRY, TO INSURE THAT THE ART IS PROPERLY
DISPLAYED, AND THAT THE CONTROLS OVER THE PROPERTY ARE ADEQUATE
AND PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS NOTIFIED
OF THE SURVEY IN NOVEMBER.

WE PLAN TO BEGIN WORK IN JAPAN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 20, 1976,

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AND ESTIMATE COMPLETION NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30. TO ACCOMPLISH

OUR OBJECTIVES, WE WILL NEED TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF THE ART OBJECTS. OUR REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AS AN INITIAL CONTACT POINT. I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR US TO MEET WITH THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU CONCERNING YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ART PROGRAM.

THE FIELD WORK WILL BE PERFORMED BY UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE JAMES D. BROWNING. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT JAMES D. BROWNING HAS BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVE NAMED HEREIN PRESENTS OFFICIAL GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

MR. BROWNING WILL ARRIVE IN JAPAN ON PAN AM FLIGHT 002, JANUARY 19 AND WILL CONTACT THE EMBASSY ON JANUARY 20, 1976.
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